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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
Interim Director of Public Works

BRAND DEBRIS BASIN CLEANOUT

Due to the recent storms, Public Works will perform sediment cleanout at Brand Debris Basin in the City of Glendale to ensure that this debris basin has adequate storage capacity to intercept debris flow during future storms. The work will provide necessary flood protection to downstream improvements and ensure the health and safety of residents. The cleanout activities will be performed by force account and rental dump trucks and equipment.

Brand Debris Basin, one of eight facilities in fire-burned areas, has approximately 20,000 cubic yards of debris, which exceeds the five percent threshold criteria. Cleanout activities will start on November 15, 2004, and will be completed within a month. Debris will be placed at Scholl Canyon Landfill in Glendale and May Sediment Placement Site in Sylmar. The other seven facilities in the burn areas have not been heavily impacted, however, potential cleanouts may be required as the need arises during the storm season.

Public Works is authorized to perform these activities under the permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. We have also notified the California Department of Fish and Game of this debris basin cleanout.

These emergency cleanout activities are being coordinated with the cities of Glendale, Los Angeles, and the County Sanitation District to address community notification, traffic, debris disposal, and dust issues. We will notify your offices of any additional debris basin cleanouts that may be required in the future.

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The estimated cost to perform the work at Brand Debris Basin is estimated at \$400,000. Sufficient funds for this work have been included in Public Works' Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget.

If you have any additional questions, please call me or your staff may contact Brian T. Sasaki at (626) 458-4008.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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